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SUBJECT: GAO TEAM VISIT

1. GAO TEAM PLANS ARRIVE AUGUST 6TH, 8 AM VIA BOAC FLIGHT NO. 033. TEAM INCLUDES JOHN J. FILAN, JOHN E. WATSON AND EDWARD H. STEPHENSON, ALL OF WHOM HAVE TOP SECRET CLEARANCE.

2. TEAM'S REVIEW WILL BE ON THE SUBJECT OF "CONSERVATION PRACTICES BEING APPLIED TO WORLD BANK LOANS FOR FOREIGN DEVELOPMENT". PROJECTS TO BE STUDIED ARE THOSE INVOLVING TIMBER HARVESTING IN ZAMBIA, KENYA, AND MALAYSIA. SOME OF THE POINTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO GAO ARE THE FOLLOWING:

1. HOW AND HOW MUCH TIMBER IS BEING OR WILL BE HARVESTED?

2. WHETHER THIS HARVESTING IS BEING CONDUCTED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCORDANCE WITH SUSTAINED-YIELD PRINCIPLES?

3. WHETHER THE NATURAL DIVERSITY OF THE TREES IN THE FORESTS IS BEING MAINTAINED. IF NOT, WHY NOT? AND WHAT IS THE ECOLOGICAL EFFECT?

4. WHAT MEASURES WERE TAKEN TO INSURE THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRITY OF THE FORESTS IS PROTECTED? HOW WERE THE EVALUATIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT CONDUCTED, FINANCED, ETC.?

5. WHAT ECONOMIC BENEFITS ARE BEING OBTAINED OR WILL BE OBTAINED BY THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLE? WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT?

3. CURRENT PLANS ARE FOR THE TEAM TO REMAIN IN KENYA FOR A WEEK OR TWO, AFTER WHICH TWO OF THE MEMBERS--WATSON AND STEPHENSON--WILL GO TO ZAMBIA. JOHN FILAN, AUDIT MANAGER OF THE STUDY, PLANS TO GO FROM NAIROBI TO BANGKOK WHERE HE WILL MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE GAO BANGKOK OFFICE AND THEN GO ON TO MALAYSIA TO CONTINUE THE SAME STUDY WITH ASSISTANCE FROM MEMBERS OF THE BANGKOK OFFICE. THE GAO REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO NOTIFY LUSAKA AND KUALA LUMPUR AS TO DATES AND TIME OF ARRIVAL AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL NEED ASSISTANCE ON HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION.

4. GAO FRANKFURT OFFICE WILL COMMUNICATE SEPARATELY WITH NAIROBI AS TO HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION.

5. FOR GENERAL GUIDANCE ON DEPARTMENT RELATIONS WITH GAO, REFER TO 4 FAM 930-934. IF ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS ARISE DURING CONDUCT OF REVIEW, ADVISE DEPARTMENT. RUSH

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